

John W. Kern of Indiana

Bryan's Running Mate One of Democracy's Most Valiant Champions—A Man of High Ideals and Sterling Worth. Excellent Campaigner—A Stump Speaker Second to None in the Hoosier State.

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JOHN WORTH KERN, the man who has been chosen by the Denver convention to be the running mate of William J. Bryan, is known as one of the most valiant champions of Democracy in the Hoosier State. It is true that in the majority of the political contests in which he has figured he has been on the losing side, but that has not had the effect of lessening his popularity or relegating him into the obscurity which is the usual fate of the oft-defeated candidate for political honors.

It is admitted by all of those who are at all conversant with the political situation in Indiana that Mr. Kern is far and away the most popular Democrat in the state. This fact has been made apparent on numerous occasions. He has been twice honored by his party with the nomination for governor and has also been the Democratic candidate for United States senator.

It is not by his political associates alone that Mr. Kern is held in high repute. Men of all political creeds have learned to like him and to appreciate his sterling worth. Although ever since his entry into political life he has been accounted an extreme party man, he has never permitted himself even during the heat of a political campaign to indulge in personalities

out his shingle in Kokomo and began business on his own hook. From the very first day he was a pronounced success in obtaining business, and his luck in bringing his cases to a favorable conclusion soon became proverbial. In an incredibly short time he established a business second to none in the prosperous county town, and his prospects were exceedingly bright.

He came by his political creed very naturally. His father was a so-called Democrat of the old school, having imbibed his political ideas in the atmosphere of Monticello, near which he was born. Thomas Jefferson was the elder Kern's political ideal, and he made a point of training his clever son in the same faith. Outside of his immediate home circle young Kern received little sympathy in his political predilections. For Howard county was overwhelmingly Republican, and a follower of any other party was in a hopeless minority. Thus it was that the young lawyer traveled a rather hard political road in his early days.

A Man of Nerve.

This preponderance of Republican sentiment in his immediate vicinity, however, did not discourage him. He realized that he was fortunate in having established a reputation for ability and uprightness in a community which

from home to recuperate. He conducted a whirlwind campaign that year, making a great number of speeches and traveling over a greater part of the state. He is regarded as a redhot campaigner and is an orator of force and eloquence. He was the friend of Hendricks and Voorhees and served with those great political lights in many well fought battles.

Mr. Kern is above the middle height, of slight build and active nervous temperament. An able constitutional lawyer, he arraigns the present Republican administration severely for usurpation of power and the state administration for its enactment of the so-called "ripper" bill, which he claims was used for partisan purposes by the Republican governor. Mr. Kern is dark haired and has a crop of flowing whiskers and is a most impressive personality generally.

Family Socially Prominent.

The Kern family is prominent socially in Indianapolis. Mrs. Kern is a brilliant woman, endowed with a lively wit, and the Kern home is the center of a refined circle composed of the most intellectual people of the notably intellectual capital of Indiana.

It is no secret that the Kern boom has been the particularly pet hobby of the Democratic chairman, Tom Taggart, who announced to his friends on the eve of his departure for Denver that he should never return unless John Kern were given the nomination for the vice presidency. It has long been known in Indiana political circles that Taggart has always considered his friend to be first class presidential timber, and he saw no especial reason why he should not be given first place on the ticket if the Nebraska man failed to make good. Taggart's determination to promote the advancement of his friend was the cause of much merriment at Denver, although those who are personally acquainted with the nominee are of the opinion that Kern is big enough to justify the chairman's admiration.

When His Aim Was Poor.

A story illustrative of Kern's disposition to grow restive under disappointment comes from Indianapolis. When he was a member of the state legislature he introduced a bill which was defeated. It was a matter in which he felt a great personal interest, and when the vote was counted against it he rose in his place, accused the speaker in no undecided terms of killing his bill, and, hurling a bulky typewritten copy of the measure at the head of the presiding officer, shouted, "If you won't pass it, eat it!" Fortunately for everybody the frate legislator's aim was defective and the ponderous missile went wide of the mark. The speaker saw the humor of the situation and was disposed to make a joke of it. So it happened that the hasty legislator did not suffer from the consequences of his indiscretion. It is altogether to his credit that a short time for reflection convinced him that he had been an offender and he lost no time in making the proper apology.

The friendship between Taggart and Kern is really something out of the ordinary. At the St. Louis convention the latter might have been considered seriously as a vice presidential candidate but for his determination to put no obstacle in the way of Taggart's candidacy for the national chairmanship. When the party leaders went to Kern and almost implored him to permit them to use his name in connection with the vice presidency he declared that he would not be mentioned for the place because he wanted Indiana's share of the glory to go to Taggart, who was a man that deserved all he could get. He even went to New York to urge Judge Parker to stand for Taggart for the chairmanship. He obtained a proxy from a western member of the committee, and he it was who placed Taggart in nomination at the meeting in New York at which his friend was made chairman.

A Free Silver Champion.

Perhaps the most telling charge which will be made against Kern in the coming campaign is his more or less sudden conversion from an ardent advocate of gold coinage into a champion of free silver at 16 to 1. It will be remembered that at the outset he was a gold advocate, speaking at a public meeting in Indianapolis in 1896 against what he then termed the "free silver craze." The leaders of the gold movement remembered Kern's "desertion," as they were pleased to term it, and when he ran for governor they withheld from him many of the votes which he might otherwise have controlled.

But in spite of his somewhat mixed political tendencies Mr. Kern is certain to find many warm friends in Indiana among the members of all parties. Personally he is liked by almost everybody.

Schoolboys' Weather Observations.

An interesting method of instructing boys in that part of nature study pertaining to the atmosphere has been devised by John Reid, the headmaster of the Reckleford Council school at Yeovil, in England. Each day of the school week several boys are sent to the corporation gas works to copy the records of barometer movements and rainfall there kept, one or two less experienced lads accompanying them. Meanwhile other boys note the direction of the wind and record the temperature from readings of thermometers hung in the open on the north and south sides of the school. The teacher of the class then enters the particulars on a sheet and encourages the scholars to make deductions from the collected data. The boys copy the results, and every Friday they write an account of their observations in the form of "general remarks" on the week's weather.

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Rev Harris served his people well and has accomplished much for them. His death makes a vacancy not easily filled. He had the respect and confidence of all who knew him.

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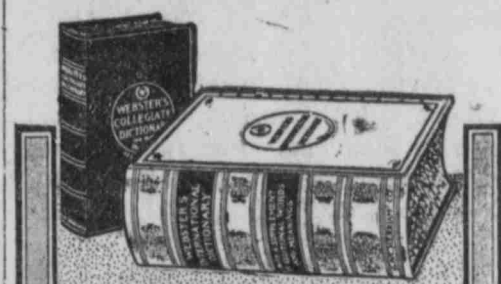
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Numerous well-known writers are represented in the August issue. Particularly interesting is Elizabeth Jordan's story, "Her Letters;" Lilian Bell, who never fails to write a lively story, contributes a pright sketch called, "Dinner for Six"; Beatrix Demarest Lloyd in "The Word and the Wise," contributes what is probably her strongest short story. Anne Warner handles a tense situation with great art in her story, "The Night of the Eighteenth-Nineteenth"; Mary Fenollosa's Japanese play, "The Lady of the Hair-Pins," is a remarkably vivid drama in one act, containing all the color and glamour of Japan. Other striking fiction is contributed by Elliot Flower, Jeannette I. Helm, Johnson Morton, Katharine M. Roof, Thomas L. Masson and Vanderheyden Flyes.

The poetry is of the usual excellence and is written by John G. Neihardt, Florence Earle Coates, Madison Cowein, Archibald Sullivan, Elsa Barker and Charles Hanson Towne.

Henderson Route Notes.

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